

How To Choose The Best Resume Font

What are the best resume fonts? If you're not sure, you're not alone.

Of course, there are hundreds of fonts out there from which to choose, but not all are appropriate for use in a resume. Let's take a look at the ones that are considered to be the best—and which ones are good to avoid.

Serif And Sans Serif Fonts Are Most Recommended

There are two font families that recruiters and HR managers seem to like the most: Serif and Sans Serif. The Serif font family means the fonts have tails; and Sans Serif means they are missing the tails on the ends of letters.

Popular font types in the Serif family include Georgia and Times New Roman—while popular Sans Serif fonts include Verdana and Arial. It's a good idea to note, however, some managers have disdain for Times New Roman and Arial because they tend to be used so often.

Find Fonts That Work On All Types Of Computers

There are some cool fonts out there you may be tempted to use because they look both professional and appealing. But if you want to ensure your resume translates well on PCs (Windows) and Macs, it's better to pick fonts available on both.

For instance, you may love Palatino Linotype as a Serif font on your PC. But since it doesn't have an immediate translation on a Mac, aside from the similar Palatino, it could look different from your original copy when pulled up on anything other than a PC. It's good to keep this in mind as you choose your fonts.

Sidestep 'Fun' Fonts

Also, when choosing fonts, it's a good idea to sidestep cursive fonts like Comic Sans or other fun fonts that you might enjoy but lack professionalism. The only exception to the "fun" font might be if you're submitting your resume for a unique job—such as one in the entertainment industry. But even then, it's good to know for sure the employer will be agreeable to this before creating your resume.

While you're thinking about font types, it's also wise to remember the average font size for a resume is 10 to 14 points (10-12 for regular text and 12-14 for subheadings). By thinking as much about your fonts as the content in your resume, you're sure to create a document a hiring manager is eager to read.

Read more at <http://www.careerealism.com/resume-fonts/#L3Q4SxCLbAAqIp4h.99>

